

prevent all this. The scheme which they worked out was a scheme of taking the leading elements in the population, the people of education, the people of culture, the people of skill, and carrying them away into some other area. Thus you would have from other nation which the Assyrians conquered you now would have the upper third of the people carried away into captivity. The people of education and of culture and of skilled training. They would be led out into activity into some other place from which the leading people had already ~~tak~~ been taken off into captivity. The result is that you can imagine in an area the leading people had all been ~~xxx~~ taken into captivity and a new group would be brought in. The common people of the area seeing this group of people brought in would look on them as the people brought in by the hated Assyrians and consequently would be in no mood to make common cause with the intruders. So the new people who were in there would be a smaller number of people than the great mass of the people there, people of more education and culture and leadership wherever they would be. They would have a different language and a different culture than the mass of the people in the area in which they came. Under these circumstances they would not be possible the Assyrians hoped for them to ~~leave~~ ^{lead} the people in the area in any successful uprisings against the Assyrians. Instead of that they were considered as intruders and as representatives of the hated Assyrians. The result would be that the people of the land would be divided into two sharply divided conflicting groups. The group of the people with leadership qualities and trained would be people who would be there because the Assyrians had brought them and would be in danger from the mass of the people of the land except as the Assyrians protected them and therefore the Assyrians figured that these people would have to look to the Assyrians for their protection ~~to~~ ^{and} become loyal supporters of the Assyrians. That way they would have the leading people in every area subject to them and in no area would there be enough cohesion between the people of leadership ability and the people with no training to perform a unified group that could revolt. So the deportation of Israel, the carrying away of a great number of people into captivity,